## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

P <sub>TO</sub>	
.s.	<b>E</b>
96 U	
223	

In the application of	)	CERTIFICATE OF MAILING VIA EXPRESS MAIL
Randy Johnson, Tracey Johnston, and Randall Alan Bruinsma	)	I hereby certify that the following correspondence was deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail - Label EL726089596US - "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service
Serial No.: N/A	)	in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop New Appln., Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on this 8th day of September, 2003
Filed: Herewith	)	Chan V la Colo Michael
For: WEED BARRIER AND ARTIFICIAL MULCH WITH DEGRADABLE PORTION AND	)	Cynthia M. Wilson Sec'y to Donald J. Bobak
RELATED METHOD	)	EL726089596US

## TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Enclosed are the following documents:

Specification, Claims and Abstract (11 pages)
Drawings (3 sheets)
Unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages)
Fee Transmittal Sheet
Application Data Sheet
Check in the amount of \$750.00
Return Receipt Postcard

## AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-0987.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald J. Bobak, Reg. No. 27,182

Renner, Kenner, Greive, Bobak, Taylor & Weber

4<sup>th</sup> Floor, First National Tower

Akron, Ohio 44308-1456

Telephone: (330) 376-1242 Facsimile: (330) 376-9646

E-mail: djbobak@rennerkenner.com

**Attorney for Applicants** 

September 8, 2003

PTO/SB/17 (01-03)
Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0032
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control

FEE	TR	AN	SMI	TT	'AL
•	for	FY	200	3	

Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

Donald J. Bobak

Name (Print/Type)

Signature

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

	750	$\sim$
	750.	1111
JD I	, ,,,,	·VV

the state of the control lumber.					
Complete if Known					
Application Number	N/A				
Filing Date	Herewith				
First Named Inventor	Randy Johnson				
Examiner Name	N/A				
Art Unit	N/A				
Attorney Docket No.	SYN P US0038				

METH	OD OF PAYME	NT (check all that	apply)	FEE CALCULATION (continued)					
✔ Check	Credit card	Money Othe	r None	3. A	DDIT	ONA	FEE	S	
Deposit Account:			<u>Large</u>	Entity	Small	Entity	•		
Deposit Account	18-0987			Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Number	70 000.			1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
Deposit Account Name	Renner, Kenr	ner et al.		1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
	ioner is authorized t	to: (check all that app	oly)	1053	130	1053		Non-English specification	
Charge fee	e(s) indicated below	Credit any ov	erpayments	1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	<b>—</b>
Charge any	y additional fee(s) dur	ring the pendency of t	his application	1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
	e(s) indicated below, e dentified deposit accor	. •	ee	1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
	FEE CALC	ULATION		1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1. BASIC F				1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
Large Entity S				1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
	Fee Fee Fee D	<u>Description</u>	Fee Paid	1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1001 750		ity filing fee	750.00	1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1002 330	2002 165 Des	sign filing fee	750.00	1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1003 520	2003 260 Plar	nt filing fee		1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1004 750	2004 375 Reis	ssue filing fee		1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1005 160	2005 80 Pro	visional filing fee		1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 750.00			1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable		
2 FYTRA	CLAIM FEES FO	D LITH ITY AND	DEIGGIIE	1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
Z. EXTINA		Fee fron	1	1501		2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
Extra Claims below Fee Paid  Total Claims 10 -20** = 0 X = 0		= 0	1502	470	2502		Design issue fee		
Independent	2 - 3** = 0	<del></del>		1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
Claims Multiple Deper		──^├──┤		1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
			7	1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
Large Entity Fee Fee		Fee Description		1806	180	1806		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
Code (\$)	Code (\$)			8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1202 18 1201 84		aims in excess of 20 ependent claims in ex	cess of 3	1809	750	2809		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1203 280		Itiple dependent clain		1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be	
1204 84		Reissue independent	claims					examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1205 10		over original patent		1801	750	2801		Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1205 18		Reissue claims in exc and over original pater		1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) <sup>0</sup>				fee (spe			Did -		
**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above				- Kedu	cea by	basic F	iing Fe	ee Paid SUBTOTAL (3) (\$) 0	

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

Bobak

Registration No.

27,182

Telephone 330-376-1242

9-8-03

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.27. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.